

NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL #7  
September 13, 2021  
MISSOURI ROOM, CIVIC CENTER  
7:00 p.m.

The meeting was brought to order at 7:00 p.m. by Vice-Chair Troy Lane in the absence of Chair Lisa Meyers. Troy led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present were Council members Andy Blewett, Troy Lane, Trevor Mikkelsen, and Sandy Rice; City Liaison Lanni Krasner.

Absent Council member Lisa Meyers.

Guests are listed on a separate page.

The Minutes of the August 9, 2021, meeting were approved as submitted.

Committee Reports: Downtown Development Partnership, Brownfield Committee: No Report

Downtown Safety Committee: DDP has approved the 2021 Safety Plan submitted by the Downtown Safety Alliance, which has also received endorsement from GFPD. The DSA will begin to implement the tasks outlined in the 2021 Downtown Safety Plan in the October DSA meeting, postponed from the September meeting. Sandy pointed out a section of the Safety Plan that NC 7 will be instrumental in accomplishing: "Expand Safety Communication Channels: create an integrated plan for communicating about the Downtown Safety Plan."

Council of Councils (Citizens' Council) will meet on September 28. Control of nuisance properties is the main agenda item.

Strategic Planning: Each member of the Council is committed to outreach of at least five neighbors a month.

Neighborhood Watch Program: Troy handed out a program for instituting a Neighborhood Watch Program.

Ice Cream Social Recap: Sandy announced that approximately 100 neighbors came to the Social and that she has been reimbursed \$358 from NeighborWorks Great Falls for expenses incurred. The outreach program contacted 21 front door agencies and 10 churches with invitations.

Tom Micuda gave a presentation on the proposed rezoning of a section of land on River Drive. The building on the property will be utilized by TC Glass and part of the property possibly by Northern Hydraulic Systems. The proposed rezone is a custom zone called a Planned Unit Development, which would allow light industrial (current zone) and heavy industrial with specific preventions for heavy industrial uses such as a salvage yard. The Council voted to support the rezone application.

Pastor Jeff Wakeley of the First Methodist Church presented on Working with the Homeless to create and encourage an inclusive community, with a sense of connection to the downtown neighborhood areas. No drinking or drugs are allowed on the Church property and Pastor Jeff encouraged neighbors to contact him with questions and concerns. He also encouraged neighbors to call the police if activities in the area warranted it. The Church is working with St. Vincent de Paul on a drop-in Center to complement the Angel Center on the West side.

A neighbor brought up speeding on Park Drive: several suggestions were made to ask the City to help with this problem, such as rolling speed bumps or electronic speed monitoring like on 26<sup>th</sup> Street near a school. One concern is that Park Drive is actually a state-controlled highway, like 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue North. Cross walks on Park Drive and 9<sup>th</sup> Street need educational work to increase safety.

Adjournment at 8:52 p.m.

Submitted, Sandy Rice, Secretary

Neighbor Attendees:

William Fasacre

Yvonne Stemple, 514 4<sup>th</sup> Street North

Tom Micuda, City of Great Falls

Laura Hodges, 2204 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue North

Brenda Landsiedel, 610 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue North

Carrie Parker, Helping Hands

Ryan Hart, Great Falls Public Schools

Brett Doney, Great Falls Development Authority

Rev. Jeff Wakeley, First United Methodist Church

Stephen Underwood, Great Falls Central Christian Church

Linda Daggett, 415 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue South

Carol Bronson, NeighborWorks Great Falls

Spencer Woith, 405 3<sup>rd</sup> Street NW

Robert Osansli, 405 3<sup>rd</sup> Street NW